

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested. Specific support for the newly submitted claims may be found at page 6, lines 14-16, page 8, lines 25-27, page 9, lines 14-17 page 15, line 22 to page 16, line 2, *et al.*

The subject claims contain subject matter which may be relevant to United States Patent 6,675,464 issued June 10, 2003 and which published as US20020098582 on July 25, 2002. Therefore, should the Examiner conclude that an interference is warranted, the present claims were submitted within the requisite one year bar date of publication.

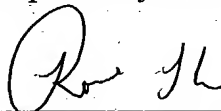
Also, the Examiner is respectfully advised of the fact that the claimed Application has a filing date of October 13, 2000 and an effective filing date of October 15, 1994 which predates the earliest possible effective filing date of the Gerum 464 patent (which is November 27, 2000).

Therefore, Applicants invention predates the earliest filing of the Geron patent.

Based on the foregoing, favorable examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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